

**Ad Hoc Affordable Housing Committee
of the Community and Public Works Committee (CAPP)
March 16, 2010**

Committee members present: Aimee Baxter, Chair; Nick Nelson, Vice Chair; Deena Schuppe and Linda Fuller, alternate
Committee members absent: Anne Lacy and Nora Taylor
Public present:

1. Call to Order.

Affordable Housing Committee meeting called to order by Chair, A. Baxter at 6:20 p.m.
A quorum of the committee is present as listed above.

2. Discussion and/or Approval of the following minutes:

A. October 21, 2009

Motion by A. Baxter to approve the October 21, 2009 minutes as presented. Second, D. Schuppe. All in favor 3 ayes, 1 abstain (L. Fuller) Motion carried.

B. January 22, 2010

Motion by A. Baxter to approve the January 22, 2010 minutes as presented, second, L. Fuller, all in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.

C. February 16, 2010

Motion by D. Schuppe to approve the February 16, 2010 minutes as presented, second, N. Nelson. All in favor, 3 ayes, 1 abstain (A. Baxter) Motion carried.

3. Habitat For Humanity update and discussion.

The Habitat for Humanity board met March 9, the same night as the Town Board meeting so there has been no correspondence from Habitat. Patty Hobin, Town Clerk, is to draft a letter of support from the Town Board, have the letter signed by the Town Chair and send the letter on to the Habitat board.

The Gazette that is coming out before the election in April will have an article asking if contractors would be interested in donating their time to a Habitat project. N. Nelson talked to Arnie Nelson of Nelson Construction and said Arnie is interested in this project.

4. Discuss how to approach local contractors and interested people about donating volunteer hours.

Agreement that we should let contractors know that the Town and this committee is interested in forming a partnership with Habitat for Humanity and then ask the contractors if they would be willing to work on a project to build a low income home on the Island. Ask if the contractor might be interested in donating a percentage of their time, provide labor at cost or donate labor to this project.

Agreement that committee members will pick contractors to talk to on an informal basis. If the contractor is interested in donating time or materials we need to ask if we can pass their name on to the Habitat for Humanity Board to show the Habitat board that there is interest in this project.

A. Baxter will talk to Rick Reichkitzer, Joe Noha, David Boone, Carey Baxter, Jay Westfield and Clayton Douglas.

L. Fuller will contact Dave Hackett, Carl Brooks, John Carlson, Tim Sullivan and Tim Montagne.

D. Schuppe will talk to Tibbs, Ludlow North, Eco Woods, and Bob Teisberg.

N. Nelson will talk to Gene Nelson, Troy Nelson, Brian Nelson, Mike North, and Nelson Construction.

Short discussion of cordwood homes and if that type of construction would qualify as a Habitat for Humanity project. N. Nelson will attend a seminar in mid-May about cordwood homes.

The Habitat board meets the second Tuesday of each month, which will be April 13th. N. Nelson will contact Rick at Humanity to see if this is the correct date.

Agreement that the list of interested contractors contacted by each committee member should be sent by email to everyone on the Affordable Housing committee by April 6th so a list of names can be compiled and sent to Rick at Habitat by April 10th or 12th.

5. Ashland County Housing Authority update and discussion.

A. Baxter has not heard anything from Denise Lutz, Ashland County Housing Authority Executive Director in regards to their project on the Island. D. Schuppe has also sent an email. Denise Lutz attended Superior Days in Madison so L. Fuller will contact Denise to see what transpired.

6. Town Board recommendations and questions.

The Town Board is very enthusiastic about this project.

7. Set Agenda and next meeting date and time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6pm.

On the agenda will be minutes, Habitat for Humanity discussion, contractor list discussion, fundraising and update from the Ashland County Housing Authority.

8. Adjourn.

Motion by D. Schuppe to adjourn, second, A. Baxter. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 pm.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, clerical assistant

Minutes approved as presented 4/20/2010